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Happy Holidays



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Parks And Recreation Happenings In Collegedale By Commissioner Larry Hanson

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Several interesting parks and recreation activities and projects have recently occurred and are in the process of happening in Collegedale. The nine-member Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PARAB), along with the City Parks and Recreation Department under the direction of Rodney Keeton, looks after the interests of parks and recreation in Collegedale. The Board meets on the second Tuesday of each quarter at City Hall. Meetings are open to the public. Its past involvement in City happenings includes soap-box derby/hobby days; establishment of the Tucker Road recreation area—fenced soccer field, restrooms, play ground; Collegedale Recreation and Ooltewah Youth associations' ball leagues for youth and adults; City dog park; and the new Greenway pedestrian bridge over Wolftever Creek.

PARAB members serve once-renewable 3-year terms. Current members are Charles Coltrin, owner of J&J products—a carpet industry yarn company; Duane Dodd, retired physician; Jack McClarty, area anesthesiologist; Joy Parsons, project manager at Cigna Insurance; Jody Ruf, SAU English professor; Terry Teets, retired Northwest Airline pilot and amateur astronomer; and Alice Tym, UTC Geology professor. Rodney Keeton and Larry Hanson are ex-officio members who represent the City on the Board.

Pickle Ball and Table Tennis

What is pickle ball? It is a fun tennis-like game that is played on a badminton court with the net lowered to 34 inches at the center. It is played with a perforated plastic baseball (similar to a whiffle ball) and wood or composite paddles. It is easy for beginners to learn, but can develop into a quick, fast-paced, competitive game for experienced players. Go to www.usapa.org for more information about pickle ball.

New PARAB member Alice Tym recently brought the sports of pickle ball and table tennis to the Board for discussion. She is active in both at the Chattanooga Wyatt Recreation Center and nationally. She recently won the women's national championship in pickle ball. In her younger years she was ranked 13th in the world in women's tennis. In November PARAB members observed and played pickle ball at the Wyatt Center and came away desiring to bring it and table tennis to Collegedale. It can be played by all ages and courts and equipment are much less costly than tennis. Planning is under way for four lighted pick ball/badminton courts near City Hall.

The City recently acquired four professional quality table tennis tables—two paid for by the Chattanooga Table Tennis Association and two by the City. Beginning in January, table tennis, with a few exceptions, is scheduled from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday afternoons and 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Tuesday evenings in the West Room of City Hall. Players must supply their own paddles and balls. Table tennis clinics are being planned for beginners.

Go to the City website, collegedaletn.gov, for an up-to-date table tennis schedule and progress on the construction of pickle ball/badminton courts.

New City Website!!

We're excited to announce the launching of our new website! We have worked with CivicPlus to offer you an user friendly and comprehensive government website. Some new features include the ability for citizens to sign up for alerts via email or text messages, in order to get notified of events, road closings, construction, commission meetings, etc. Citizens will soon be able to make payments online for room rentals, citations, and permits. The navigation is extremely user friendly, giving citizens to option to customize what they wish to see on the webpage. By enrolling in the free alert program, we will keep you updated of events and weather updates that happen in the city. Also, our Citizen Help Center offers a quick guide to Frequently Asked Questions and city issues or concerns you may have. Let us know what you think- www.collegedaletn.gov

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- * Commission Meetings every 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month.
Planning Commission Meetings every 2nd Monday of the month.
Workshop Meetings every 4th Monday of the Month.

* The holiday trash schedule can be found on our website: www.collegedaletn.gov

* Recycling hours: Tuesday, Friday and Sunday 1-4 pm and Wednesday 8 am– 6pm

Have Safe and Happy Holidays From The City of Collegedale!